(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Inter-State Water disputes

438. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Inter-State Water disputes are pending at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof and

(c) what steps Government propose to lake to resolve these disputes?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA); (a) to (c) Under the provisions of the Inter State Water Disputes Act, 1956, two disputes, namely sharing of surplus Ravi and Beas waters and sharing of Cauvery waters have been referred to the Tribunals in April 1986 and June, 1990 respectively, While the Ravi and Beas Waters Tribunal has given its Report in January, 1987, the Government of India and party States have made further reference as envisaged under the Act to seek explanation|guidance of the Tribunal on its rep;>rt the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal has passed a Order on 25-6-1991 granting interim relief to Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. As regards the proposal from Madhya Pradesh for consideration of the questions associated with Mahi-Bajajsagar under the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, a preliminary inter-State meeting was held on February 6, 1991 In addition, there are some inter-State issues pertaining to matters such as interpretation of earlier agreements and sharing of surplus waters viz. sharing of Yamuna water (upto Okhla), interpretation of Bansagar Agreement on Sone waters, interpretation of Mahi waters Agreement between Rajasthan and Gujarat. For amicable settlement of inter-State issues in water resources between the States, a Standing Committee of the National Water Resources Council has been constituted in April, 1990. The Standing Committee held one meeting in September, 1990 to resolve issues connected with sharing of Yamuna waters (upto Okhla).

Subsidies on foodgrains

439. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure being incurred at present on the subsidies on foodgrains;

(b) whether Government propose to reduce or abolish these subsidies; and

(c) if so the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI);
(a) The subsidy given on foodgrains to the Food Corporation of India during the last two years and proposed for the current year is as under

Year	(Rs. in crores)
1989-90	2476 (including Sugar)
1990-91	2450 -Do.-
1991-92 (B.E.) (Vote-on-Account)	1800

(b) and (c) The entire question Of subsidy is under the active consideration of the Government.

Modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plant

440. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state.

(a) whether , Government's attention have been drawn to a news report which appeared in the Business Standard of June 27 titled poll-eve RSP bonanza for Bhilai-firm' wherein it has been stated that a job

connected with the modernisation of the Rourkela Steel Plant has been awarded to a private contractor, of Bhilai for Rs. 12.5 croies which is 500 per cent of the approved cost;

(b) if TO. what are the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The 'augmentation of Tarkera Pump House' a sub-package under Rourkela Steel Plant modernisation project called for revision of scope by increasing the additional capacity of make-up water sup-ply (including the township water requirement) from about 600 cubic metre] hour (DPR stage) to 3250 cubic metre hour. The additional capacity sought to be created over the one envisaged earlier was nearly 440 per cent higher. This involved some support facilities which were not required in the earlier scheme. This revision of capacity was necessitated from t the long-range point Of view and a scrutiny and analysis of various other modernisation packages.

(c) The increase in the estimate is due to the increase in the scope of work.

Increase in the prices of flats by DDA

441. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA has recently increased the prices of MIG, LIG and Janta flats;

(b) if so, the extent thereof; and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to reduce the prices of the flats; if so, by when, and'

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The extent of increase in the pri ces is approximately 25 per cent for MIG and LIG fiats and 20 per cent for Janta fiats.

The increase in the cost is due to increase in the cost on the labour, material and premium of land based on cost of acquisition and development.

(c) and (d) Since the cost of flats is worked out on 'No profit no loss' basis, there is no proposal to reduce the price of flats.

New schemes of Delhi Development Authority

442. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start any new self financing scheme of Delhi Development Authority flats during the current year;

(b) whether Government also propose to start a scheme of Delhi Development Authority flats for retiring persons, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Applications are periodically invited from retired |retiring public servants who are already registered and they are given priority in allotment. However, in view of the existing backlog there is no proposal at present to start a new registration scheme.